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I send greetings to those observing National Medical Laboratory Week.

Our Nation is blessed with many fine medical professionals who are committed to protecting and saving lives. During National Medical Laboratory Week, we honor the contributions of pathologists, physicians, scientists, technologists, technicians, and others involved in the field of laboratory medicine. These dedicated men and women also stand ready to serve as critical first responders in the event of a public health emergency. This year's theme, "Laboratory Professionals: The Heart of the Medical Investigation Team," highlights your vital role in diagnosing patients and identifying effective treatments.

I appreciate the hard work and commitment of America's medical laboratory professionals. Your efforts help build a healthier and safer future for all.

Laura and I send our best wishes.

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